Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 22 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 23 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 22 Nov 2023 at 03:43 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for rain and quite extensive hill fog for Wednesday which makes way for a wintry spell later Thursday and early Friday, which passes eastwards from the weekend as the westerly returns.

Headline for Wednesday 22 Nov 2023: Low cloud and rain, easing slightly in the afternoon. Storms over summits.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 22 Nov 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
>95%	>95%	>95%	80%	70%	60%

Forecast for Wednesday 22 Nov 2023

Weather: A dull wet day with severe gale to storm force winds across the munro tops. Persistent rain through the morning, turning patchier through the afternoon and evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Nil in the morning, 30-40% in the afternoon, best chance in the east

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally very poor visibility in persistent cloud. This down to lower slopes for much of the day in the west. Cloud may lift to around 600-700m in the east during the afternoon.

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Forecast for Wednesday 22 Nov 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	53/63 SW	51/62 W	47/60 W	50/64 W	52/67 W	55/71 W	57/74 W
900	36/45 W	35/45 W	35/46 W	37/50 W	38/52 W	40/55 W	42/58 W
600	43/52 SW	42/51 SW	39/50 SW	41/53 W	42/55 SW	43/57 W	44/59 W
300	23/32 SW	21/31 W	20/32 W	21/33 W	20/33 W	23/36 W	23/38 W
Glen	16/31 SW	17/34 W	17/35 W	17/35 W	17/36 W	19/40 W	20/41 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	5/-3	5/-3	4/-3	3/-5	3/-5	3/-5	3/-5
900	6/0	7/0	6/0	6/-1	6/-1	6/-1	6/-1
600	8/2	8/3	8/3	8/2	8/2	8/2	8/2
300	10/6	10/6	10/6	10/6	10/6	10/6	10/6
Glen	12/9	12/9	12/9	12/9	12/9	12/9	12/9
Freezing Level*	2300m	2200m	2000m	1900m	1800m	1900m	1900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Conditions dangerous at height with storms, extensive hill fog and heavy rain.

Forecast for Thursday 23 Nov 2023
Weather: Band of cloud and rain turning to snow across highest peaks, before clearing to a mix of isolated showers and brighter spells towards dawn. Showers increasing through the day, always focused across northern ranges, with snow level 1000m early morning lowering 700m from afternoon, then reaching the lowest levels late evening.

Maximum wind: West to northwest initially mean 45mph gust 65mph, slowly easing through the day.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: By day 80-90%

Low Cloud and visibility: Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in rain showers, very poor in snow showers and within cloud with bases lowering 450m at times, mainly in the showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising plus 8 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius lowering minus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits lowering 400m

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